

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH
1719 Post Road Fairfield CT 06824

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Web page: stthomasfairfield.com

New Parishioners

Welcome to our Parish Community! Please register at the parish office and feel free to contact anyone on our staff regarding the Parish and its activities.

First Friday Masses

7 :00 am
8:15 am (School Mass)
12:10 pm

Sanctuary /Blessed Mother Candles

May be memorialized for a sick person, a deceased loved one, or in celebration of a special intention. Please call the parish office to reserve a date.

Family Mass

9:00 am Mass (3rd Sunday of the month) during the school year.

Parish Center Rentals

Contact The Parish Office



Baptisms and Marriages

By arrangement with Parish Office.

Pre Baptismal Instruction

Required prior to Baptism.

Pre-Cana

Required prior to Marriage. Arrangements should be made at least 8 months in advance.

Communion Visit for the Homebound

Please call the parish office to request a visit

Jacqueline Herbert
Dir. of Religious Ed

Dominique Johnson
Religious Ed. Assistant

David E. Harris
Organist/Music Director

Patricia E. Brady
School Principal

Jessica Nayden
Youth Minister

Patricia Grassi
RCIA Coordinator

Jean Correa
Parish Accountant
203-255-1097

Mr. Richard Miller
Parish Advisory Bd. Chair
203-259-0824

Mr. Edward Dayton
Parish Finance Bd. Chair
203-255-5141

Rev. Victor T. Martin
Pastor

Rev. Lawrence A. Larson
Parochial Vicar

Rev. Roger F. McDonough
Retired-Resident Priest

Deacon Daniel J. Ianniello
Retired-Parish Deacon

Mary Jane Edwards
Pastoral Associate

Catherine T. Lopata
Secretary/Cemetery Manager

CHURCH SCHEDULE

Saturday

Vigil Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday

7:00 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am, 12 Noon

Weekday Masses

7:00 a.m. and 12:10 Noon

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays: 4:00 to 4:45 pm

Mission Statement:

For St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, prayer and liturgical worship is the essence of our faith community. The Gospel message is proclaimed by word and deed, nurtured by ongoing opportunities for religious formation, evangelization, social action and worship.

Message from the Pastor

**MOTHER TERESA TO BE
CANONIZED ON
4 SEPTEMBER 2016
IN ROME.**

Our beloved Mother Teresa was born into this world on August 26, 1910 and she entered into Eternal Life on September 5, 1997.

Today in Rome Italy our Holy Father Pope Francis has raised her with the Saints in heaven to Sainthood.

Listen to some of her most profound statements:

“The good you do today may be forgotten tomorrow. Do good always.”

“Peace begins with a smile.”

“We shall never know all the good a simple smile can do.”

“If you can’t feed a hundred people, then feed just one.”

“We have no peace, it is because we have forgotten that we belong to each other.”

“I want you to be concerned about your next door neighbor.

Do you know your next door neighbor.”

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

“The Heart of the Christian Life:

We live for something other than
wealth and possessions,
We Live for God!”

Newly Baptized



Our Parish Family welcomes the following who were recently Baptized.

Olivia Jane Miller



September 3 to September 11, 2016

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| Sat. | 5:00 pm | Jean Simoneau |
| Sun. | 7:00 am | For the Parish Family |
| | 9:00 am | James Maisano |
| | 10:30 am | Lee and Quinn Family |
| | 12:00 Noon | Special Intention |
| Mon. | 8:00 am | Mass for Labor Day |
| Tues. | 7:00 am | Elizabeth D’Agostino |
| | 12:10 pm | Rita Rivera (1st) |
| Wed. | 7:00 am | Martin Crowe |
| | 12:10 pm | Francis Meissner |
| Thurs. | 7:00 am | Delfina Gallifoco |
| | 12:10 pm | Ernest Salvas (1st) |
| Fri. | 7:00 am | Joey Kulaga |
| | 12:10 pm | Anne P. Richard |
| Sat. | 2:00 pm | Wedding |
| | 5:00 pm | Grace Corr |
| Sun. | 7:00 am | For the Parish Family |
| | 9:00 am | Blue Mass |
| | 10:30 am | Kevin McCarthy (15th) |
| | 12 :00 Noon | Allie and Anne Richard |



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| Nancy Gianni | Maria Ines Galindo |
| Amanda Morguelan | Walter Murphy |
| Laura Terranova | Carl Collica |
| Shirley Mongillo | Annette Ham |
| Javier Sattler | Susan Hasiuk |
| Leonor Sattler | Chet Greene |
| Mary Durkin | Tom Lopez |
| Rebecca Scalera | Nancy Stevens |
| Irene Ercolani | Susan Ross |
| Joan McHugh | Betty Freddino |
| James Rooney | Rene Ercolani Molnar |
| Meghan McHugh | Peggy Krotki |
| Sally Cohane | Mary Toth |
| Anthony Mongillo | Michael McGuire |
| Jack Andrews | Carl Palmieri |
| Kathleen Andrews | Rosemarie Fowler |
| Liam Craane | Joseph Mitchell |
| Robert DeVitto | Veronica Hughes |

Marriage Banns



- I. Steven Conneely and Sara Ryan**
- II. Richard Burt and Elizabeth Fitzpatrick**
- III. Thomas Zygmont and Amanda Schultz**

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

On August 25th our parish deacon (Deacon Dan Ianniello) reached the required age of retirement (75) for his ministry as a Permanent Deacon in the Roman Catholic Church. Deacon Dan has sent in his retirement letter to Bishop Caggiano. However, Dan would like to stay at St. Thomas and continue his ministry. I am sure we are all happy to hear this. We thank you Deacon Dan for your service to our parish family.



DIOCESE OF BRIDGEPORT BLUE MASS

**SUNDAY: SEPTEMBER 11th
9:00 A.M. MASS**

**ST. THOMAS AQUINAS CHURCH
1719 POST ROAD FAIRFIELD, CT.**

**COME AND CELEBRATE WITH OUR
COMMUNITY HEROS.**

**THOSE WHO PROTECT AND SERVE
OUR COMMUNITIES IN TIME OF
NEED.**

**THIS YEAR OUR COUNTRY WILL
CELEBRATE THE 15TH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE ATTACKS ON SEPTEMBER
11, 2001**

**LET US JOIN OUR BISHOP FRANK
CAGGIANO AND FELLOW
AMERICANS IN OUR PRAYERS AND
LOVE FOR THOSE WHO DIED ON
THAT FATEFUL DAY AND THOSE
WHO SERVE US EACH AND EVERY
DAY!**

“LET US NEVER FORGET”

Parish Support

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 2016: \$ 9,959.50
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 2015: \$ 10,177.30

Thank You!

**THE SANCTUARY LIGHT WILL BURN
THIS WEEK**

Frances and Arthur Hessel



**THE BLESSED MOTHER ALTAR CANDLE
IS LIGHTED THIS WEEK FOR**

James Maisano



**OUR ST. JOSEPH ALTAR CANDLE
IS LIGHTED FOR**

All those Unemployed



(Praying for job opportunities!)

Parish Office Hours

Labor Day Office Closed and No School

Starting Tuesday September 6th

**Monday—Thursday
9:00 am to 3:00 pm**

**Friday
9:00 am to 12:00 Noon**

2016 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

Our parish of St. Thomas Aquinas raised 440 gifts worth \$223,010 from 385 donors bringing the parish to 111.51% of its \$200,000 goal. Many thanks to all our parishioners who supported this year's appeal.

Thank You



**Knights of Columbus
Council 2616**

The Knights of Columbus on Unquowa Road have sold their building and have moved into our chapel in the Church.

The **3rd Degree** meets every First Tuesday of the month at 7:30pm.

The **4th Degree** meets every Second Tuesday of the month at 7:30pm.

The **Columbiettes** meet on the 4th Monday of every month at 7:30pm.

Men and women 18 years of age are invited to join.



Ladies Guild

First Meeting for the 2016-2017 will be Tuesday, September 27th

at 6:00pm in the Parish Center. The meeting will be a planning session for the year. A light dinner will be served. The Guild meets once monthly during the school year and welcomes all current members back and welcomes new members of all ages to come and see what the guild is all about. Bernadette at 203-254-7569.



**TEACHERS NEEDED
FOR
2016—2017
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
SCHOOL YEAR!**

**If interested, please contact the
Religious Education office at
255-1984**

Registration forms for the 2016-2017 School year can be found on the web page:

Stthomasfairfield.com

Forms are now Due

Questions please contact Jackie or Dominique at 203-255-1984 or

stthoaqccd@aol.com



September Meeting Schedule:

No Meeting on September 4th due to Labor Day

- Saturday, September 10: Catholic Underground at St. Ann Church from 7:30-9:30pm
- Sunday, September 11: High School from 7-9pm
- Sunday, September 18: High School from 7-9pm
- Sunday, September 25: **Fall Kick Off Meetings!!!**
Middle School from 4-5:30pm
High School from 7-9pm

Questions? Contact Jessica Harris at StThomasFairfieldYouth@gmail.com



DO YOU WANT TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THE CATHOLIC FAITH?

DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO WANTS TO BECOME A CATHOLIC?

CLASSES START IN THE FALL.

CALL THE PARISH OFFICE FOR INFO AT 255-1097.